

HONEY PRODUCTION



1969 ANNUAL SUMMARY

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Honey production during 1969 totaled 283,268,000 pounds, 42 percent above 1968, according to the Crop Reporting Board. This record crop was produced by 4,762,000 colonies, nearly equal to last year's 4,770,000 colonies. The yield of honey per colony was 59.5 pounds, nearly 18 pounds per colony higher than the 41.9 pounds average per colony in 1968. Production of beeswax in 1969 totaled 5,460,000 pounds, up 38 percent from 1968.

In mid-December, producers reported 67 million pounds of honey on hand for sale compared with 43 million pounds a year ago. Stocks in mid-December represented 24 percent of the 1969 honey production, compared with 21 percent in 1968.

The 1969 season was very favorable with good weather conditions and nectar supplies in nearly all States. Production in California and Minnesota was more than double their 1968 crop.

The Nation's beekeepers received an average price of 17.4 cents per pound for 1969 sales of all honey. The 1968 average price for all honey was 16.9 cents. Prices were higher for all types of honey sold at both wholesale and retail. These prices relate to all wholesale and retail sales of extracted, chunk, and comb honey from apiaries owned by farmers and non-farmers.

Extracted honey in wholesale lots sold for an average price of 15.2 cents per pound, one-half cent higher than in 1968. Unprocessed bulk honey averaged 13.6 cents per pound compared with 12.9 cents a year earlier. Sales of processed bulk honey averaged 17.0 cents per pound, one cent higher than in 1968. Processed package sales averaged 24.0 cents per pound compared with 23.8 cents a year earlier.

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HONEY: Number of colonies, production and stocks,
United States, 1960-69

Year	:	Number	:	Yield	:	Honey	:	Stocks on hand
	:	colonies	:	per colony	:	Production	:	for sale Dec. 15
	:	1,000	:		:	1,000	:	1,000
	:	<u>colonies</u>	:	<u>Pounds</u>	:	<u>pounds</u>	:	<u>pounds</u>
	:		:		:		:	
1960	:	5,005	:	48.5	:	242,802	:	52,206
1961	:	4,992	:	51.3	:	255,868	:	68,119
1962	:	4,900	:	50.9	:	249,608	:	55,933
1963	:	4,849	:	55.0	:	266,778	:	55,082
1964	:	4,840	:	51.9	:	251,188	:	65,776
1965	:	4,783	:	51.1	:	244,549	:	58,327
1966	:	4,772	:	51.9	:	247,642	:	56,906
1967	:	4,819	:	46.3	:	223,300	:	58,800
1968	:	4,770	:	41.9	:	200,081	:	42,833
1969	:	4,762	:	59.5	:	283,268	:	66,846
	:		:		:		:	

HONEY-BEESWAX: Production and value, United States, 1960-69

Year	:	Honey			:	Beeswax		
	:	Production	Price per	Total	:	Production	Price per	Total
	:		pound	value	:		pound	value
	:	1,000		1,000	:	1,000		1,000
	:	<u>pounds</u>	<u>Cents</u>	<u>dollars</u>	:	<u>pounds</u>	<u>Cents</u>	<u>dollars</u>
	:				:			
1960	:	242,802	17.9	43,500	:	4,372	44.0	1,922
1961	:	255,868	18.0	46,072	:	4,720	44.1	2,080
1962	:	249,608	17.4	43,494	:	4,805	44.1	2,117
1963	:	266,778	18.0	48,096	:	4,828	44.2	2,133
1964	:	251,188	18.6	46,638	:	4,672	44.3	2,070
1965	:	244,549	17.8	43,475	:	4,749	44.9	2,132
1966	:	247,642	17.4	43,012	:	4,739	46.6	2,207
1967	:	223,300	15.6	34,877	:	4,541	58.8	2,672
1968	:	200,081	16.9	33,856	:	3,960	61.7	2,443
1969	:	283,268	17.4	49,413	:	5,460	61.1	3,339
	:				:			

HONEY BEES: Number of colonies and production of honey, 1968 and 1969

State	Colonies of bees			Yield per colony		Honey production		
	1968	1969	1969 as % of 1968	1968	1969	1968	1969	1969 as % of 1968
	- 1,000 col. -		Percent	- Pounds -		- 1,000 pounds -		Percent
Maine	5	5	100	16	25	80	125	156
N. H.	5	5	100	15	19	75	95	127
Vt.	8	7	88	16	42	128	294	230
Mass.	10	10	100	22	32	220	320	145
R. I.	2	2	100	20	22	40	44	110
Conn.	10	9	90	21	17	210	153	73
N. Y.	157	149	95	42	58	6,594	8,642	131
N. J.	35	35	100	35	47	1,225	1,645	134
Pa.	110	108	98	28	31	3,080	3,348	109
Ohio	146	150	103	31	34	4,526	5,100	113
Ind.	95	88	93	32	53	3,040	4,664	153
Ill.	88	87	99	42	50	3,696	4,350	118
Mich.	120	121	101	75	83	9,000	10,043	112
Wis.	139	129	93	55	115	7,645	14,835	194
Minn.	183	196	107	57	110	10,431	21,560	207
Iowa	142	138	97	70	80	9,940	11,040	111
Mo.	99	101	102	40	42	3,960	4,242	107
N. Dak.	55	53	96	90	125	4,950	6,625	134
S. Dak.	104	110	106	107	135	11,128	14,850	133
Nebr.	103	104	101	70	81	7,210	8,424	117
Kans.	49	49	100	45	35	2,205	1,715	78
Del.	4	4	100	40	40	160	160	100
Md.	29	28	97	46	45	1,334	1,260	94
Va.	101	97	96	19	24	1,919	2,328	123
W. Va.	91	92	101	17	18	1,547	1,656	106
N. C.	219	226	103	19	23	4,161	5,198	125
S. C.	64	63	98	13	18	832	1,134	138
Ga.	180	176	98	29	34	5,220	5,984	115
Fla.	321	337	105	65	75	20,865	25,275	121
Ky.	83	81	98	18	26	1,494	2,106	141
Tenn.	139	146	105	17	27	2,363	3,942	167
Ala.	91	89	98	23	28	2,093	2,492	119
Miss.	52	56	108	24	32	1,248	1,792	144
Ark.	90	92	102	25	28	2,250	2,576	114
La.	83	84	101	38	42	3,154	3,528	112
Okla.	55	60	109	36	33	1,980	1,980	100
Texas	227	232	102	42	50	9,534	11,600	122
Mont.	80	77	96	85	125	6,800	9,625	140
Idaho	220	218	99	46	54	10,120	11,772	116
Wyo.	32	32	100	51	78	1,632	2,496	153
Colo.	46	45	98	41	70	1,886	3,150	167
N. Mex.	15	15	100	61	48	915	720	79
Ariz.	83	75	90	57	42	4,731	3,150	67
Utah	50	49	98	21	50	1,050	2,450	238
Nev.	8	7	88	65	105	520	735	141
Wash.	97	90	93	39	39	3,783	3,510	93
Oreg.	74	71	96	32	53	2,368	3,763	159
Calif.	565	559	99	29	83	16,385	46,397	283
48 States	4,764	4,757	100	41.9	59.5	199,727	282,893	142
Hawaii	6	5	83	59	75	354	375	106
U. S.	4,770	4,762	100	41.9	59.5	200,081	283,268	142

HONEY: Price per pound, value of production and stocks
on hand December 15 for sale, 1968 and 1969

State	Average price per pound		Value of Production		Honey stocks on hand December 15 for sale	
	1968	1969	1968	1969	1968	1969
	Cents		1,000 dollars		1,000 pounds	
Maine	44.6	46.6	36	58	28	38
N. H.	40.8	42.7	31	41	15	15
Vt.	34.2	36.2	44	106	19	65
Mass.	42.7	44.8	94	143	84	112
R. I.	38.8	40.2	16	18	10	13
Conn.	39.8	41.8	84	64	94	67
N. Y.	15.6	16.5	1,029	1,426	1,978	3,025
N. J.	27.4	28.5	336	469	490	790
Pa.	21.2	21.6	653	723	1,016	1,440
Ohio	20.2	19.5	914	994	1,448	867
Ind.	17.6	19.3	535	900	730	1,866
Ill.	19.3	20.2	713	879	887	1,348
Mich.	15.4	16.2	1,386	1,627	2,880	3,314
Wis.	16.0	16.3	1,223	2,418	2,294	6,082
Minn.	17.4	19.3	1,815	4,161	3,338	5,606
Iowa	15.2	16.3	1,511	1,800	3,081	4,858
Mo.	16.7	18.5	661	785	911	806
N. Dak.	13.7	14.6	678	967	693	1,855
S. Dak.	14.7	14.6	1,636	2,168	779	2,970
Nebr.	13.8	14.5	995	1,221	3,821	2,948
Kans.	16.6	16.6	366	285	617	292
Del.	32.8	34.6	52	55	48	32
Md.	29.8	31.5	398	397	293	189
Va.	28.5	29.5	547	687	422	559
W. Va.	32.2	32.0	498	530	356	331
N. C.	23.2	23.9	965	1,242	832	1,040
S. C.	29.7	33.1	247	375	183	204
Ga.	17.0	17.0	887	1,017	574	718
Fla.	19.0	20.1	3,964	5,080	2,712	4,297
Ky.	32.2	33.6	481	708	179	316
Tenn.	21.7	22.4	513	883	567	867
Ala.	21.6	22.5	452	561	460	723
Miss.	21.7	20.8	271	373	250	394
Ark.	25.0	26.4	563	680	360	440
La.	15.4	14.6	486	515	442	600
Okla.	26.7	30.0	529	594	396	356
Texas	15.7	16.8	1,497	1,949	1,907	2,436
Mont.	13.2	14.2	898	1,367	680	2,021
Idaho	13.9	14.7	1,407	1,730	1,619	3,414
Wyo.	13.6	15.6	222	389	33	250
Colo.	18.1	18.8	341	592	773	1,292
N. Mex.	11.0	13.0	101	94	146	72
Ariz.	11.2	12.2	530	304	473	315
Utah	14.7	17.5	154	429	304	710
Nev.	14.3	15.3	74	112	21	294
Wash.	13.5	15.4	511	541	719	842
Oreg.	15.2	15.8	360	595	592	941
Calif.	12.8	13.4	2,097	6,217	2,130	4,640
48 States	16.9	17.5	33,801	49,349	42,684	66,670
Hawaii	15.4	17.1	55	64	149	176
U. S.	16.9	17.5	33,856	49,413	42,833	66,846

BEESWAX: Production, price per pound, and value, 1968 and 1969

State	Production		Price per pound		Value	
	1968	1969	1968	1969	1968	1969
	-- 1,000 pounds --		-- Cents --		-- 1,000 dollars --	
Maine	2	3	53	59	1	2
N. H.	2	3	53	59	1	2
Vt.	3	5	55	59	2	3
Mass.	4	6	55	56	2	3
R. I.	1	1	51	56	1	1
Conn.	5	4	51	56	3	2
N. Y.	112	156	64	62	72	97
N. J.	28	30	65	65	18	20
Pa.	71	74	59	63	42	47
Ohio	86	92	62	61	53	56
Ind.	67	98	60	62	40	61
Ill.	78	91	60	61	47	56
Mich.	171	161	61	62	104	100
Wis.	138	237	61	62	84	147
Minn.	229	353	61	59	140	208
Iowa	209	232	64	63	134	146
Mo.	81	81	63	64	51	52
N. Dak.	89	113	65	64	58	72
S. Dak.	189	252	68	65	129	164
Nebr.	130	177	60	59	78	104
Kans.	44	34	59	62	26	21
Del.	3	3	60	60	2	2
Md.	23	25	60	60	14	15
Va.	33	44	63	63	21	28
W. Va.	31	41	58	60	18	25
N. C.	125	156	55	55	69	86
S. C.	19	26	57	60	11	16
Ga.	120	102	59	60	71	61
Fla.	376	455	60	62	226	282
Ky.	37	42	51	58	19	24
Tenn.	47	79	49	54	23	43
Ala.	44	60	55	57	24	34
Miss.	31	54	58	62	18	33
Ark.	50	52	60	67	30	35
La.	57	60	65	62	37	37
Okla.	34	38	61	67	21	25
Texas	200	325	62	57	124	185
Mont.	136	183	66	61	90	112
Idaho	201	188	62	60	125	113
Wyo	31	42	62	66	19	28
Colo.	41	69	65	60	27	41
N. Mex.	18	12	65	58	12	7
Ariz.	90	82	55	58	50	48
Utah	24	51	56	58	13	30
Nev.	9	13	68	69	6	9
Wash.	95	91	61	64	58	58
Oreg.	43	75	58	61	25	46
Calif.	295	882	67	62	198	547
48 States	3,952	5,453	61.5	61.1	2,437	3,334
Hawaii	8	7	73	68	6	5
U. S.	3,960	5,460	61.6	61.1	2,443	3,339

Honey: Average price per pound received by farmers, 1968 and 1969

State	Wholesale Extracted Honey											
	Unprocessed Bulk					Processed Bulk					Total Bulk	
	55 Gal. Containers:		60 lb. Containers :		All	55 Gal. Containers:		All Containers				
	1968	1969	1968	1969		1968	1969	1968	1969			

HONEY: Average price per pound received by farmers, 1968 and 1969

State	Wholesale Extracted Honey				Retailer Extracted		Chunk		Comb	
	Packaged		All 1/		1968	1969	1968	1969	1968	1969
	1968	1969	1968	1969						
	C e n t s									
Maine	38	40	38	40	46	47	53	55	58	62
N. H.	36	37	33	36	46	47	54	56	55	59
Vt.	29	31	29	31	35	36	45	48	52	54
Mass.	33	35	33	35	45	47	55	57	57	60
R. I.	32	34	32	34	43	43	--	--	55	59
Conn.	31	34	31	34	42	43	53	55	59	62
N. Y.	26	26	14	15	29	29	--	--	40	46
N. J.	23	24	20	21	41	43	55	55	60	60
Pa.	27	28	17	18	32	33	38	40	41	42
Ohio	22	21	17	16	30	30	39	40	42	43
Ind.	26	27	15	17	32	32	41	43	--	--
Ill.	23	24	17	18	30	30	--	--	41	42
Mich.	22	21	14	15	28	30	--	--	43	44
Wis.	24	25	16	16	25	27	--	--	--	--
Minn.	24	24	16	18	27	29	35	36	42	44
Iowa	23	24	14	15	30	33	35	36	43	44
Mo.	20	21	15	17	30	31	--	--	45	42
N. Dak.	20	22	13	14	26	26	--	--	--	--
S. Dak.	22	20	14	14	25	24	--	--	--	--
Nebr.	22	19	14	14	26	26	--	--	--	--
Kans.	26	26	15	15	22	22	37	40	44	42
Del.	27	28	27	28	35	37	47	48	45	50
Md.	27	28	27	28	36	39	42	46	44	50
Va.	29	30	19	20	36	38	33	34	35	36
W. Va.	28	25	24	22	40	42	33	33	37	38
N. C.	28	31	18	18	36	38	36	37	37	38
S. C.	30	31	24	25	36	43	34	39	36	40
Ge.	28	32	12	13	34	33	28	26	34	--
Fla.	26	25	16	16	31	31	25	30	--	--
Ky.	31	33	23	25	38	40	38	38	36	38
Tenn.	32	32	19	20	36	36	36	36	38	38
Ala.	27	29	14	14	36	33	31	37	39	33
Miss.	26	24	16	15	32	31	34	31	36	32
Ark.	25	26	20	21	30	32	32	35	38	32
La.	20	21	12	12	29	28	34	--	34	--
Okla.	24	25	22	22	33	37	35	39	39	44
Texas	20	23	13	14	27	32	36	40	40	41
Mont.	18	18	13	14	27	27	--	--	--	--
Idaho	22	21	14	14	25	23	--	--	--	--
Wyo.	22	24	13	15	24	26	--	--	--	--
Colo.	24	25	16	17	24	22	35	34	46	45
N. Mex.	29	34	10	12	31	30	--	--	--	--
Ariz.	18	19	11	12	19	20	--	--	--	--
Utah	16	17	14	17	19	21	--	--	--	--
Nev.	22	21	14	15	20	20	--	--	--	--
Wash.	22	24	13	15	30	30	--	--	--	--
Oreg.	18	17	14	14	26	25	--	--	46	50
Calif.	16	20	13	13	28	29	--	--	--	--
48 States	23.8	24.0	14.7	15.2	30.6	31.6	29.8	32.3	40.0	41.1
Hawaii	24	25	15	16	29	31	--	--	--	--
U. S.	23.8	24.0	14.7	15.2	30.6	31.6	29.8	32.3	40.0	41.1

1/ Total bulk plus packaged.

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Prices received for retail sales of extracted honey averaged 31.6 cents per pound in 1969, one cent above 1968. Sales of all chunk honey averaged 32.3 cents per pound, up from 29.8 cents a year earlier. The price of all comb honey sales averaged 41.1 cents per pound compared with 40.0 cents in 1968.

Beeswax prices averaged 61.1 cents per pound in 1969 compared with 61.6 cents in 1968 and 58.8 cents in 1967.